(a) whether the Mughal Road revival project on alternate route from Jammu to Srinagar will be open through out the year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the road is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d) It is proposed to construct Mughal Road as a viable alternate route from Jammu to Srinagar at a cost of about Rs. 77.17 crores. The project is expected to be completed in six years from the date of commencement. Certain sections of the road is of fair weather specification and is not trafficable due to rain damages. Due to security scenario in the State, the construction has not commenced yet.

Rural Development in Khurja

5339. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rural folks provided jobs in the rural areas of Khurja Parliamentary constituency during the last three years;

(b) the details of schemes started for rural development in Khurja Parliamentary constituency;

(c) whether the said schemes have been completed;

(d) if not the reasons therefor;

(e) the names of rural development schemes proposed to be started in Khurja Parliamentary constituency during the next financial year; and

(f) the estimated cost thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (f) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) are major poverty alleviation programmes being implemented by the Centre in various districts of the country including Bulandshahar district of Uttar Pradesh containing Khurja Parliamentary Constituency. These programmes are being implemented District-wise/DRDA wise and not Parliamentary Constituency wise. The information, therefore, is not maintained Parliamentary Constituency wise by the centre. The main objective of JRY programme is to generate wage employment for unemployed and under-employed in rural areas whereas (IRDP aims at identifying rural poor families to augument their income and cross the poverty line through acquisition of credit based productive assets which provide self employment on a sustained basis.

[Translation]

Economic Package for Hilly Districts of Uttar Pradesh

5340. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT (BACHDA) : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have prepared any economic package for nine hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when this package will be in operation; and

(d) the benefits likely to be derived as a result of the package ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a Hill Area Sub-Plan is being implemented since 1974-75 to hasten the development of the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh. This Sub-Plan is being funded partly from the Special Central Assistance (which is over and above Central assistance being provided to the State under its State Plans) and partly from the State Plan flow.

An outlay of Rs. 547.00 crores comprising Rs. 322.00 crores as flow from State Plan and Rs. 225.00 crores as Special Central Assistance has been approved for the development activities of Uttarakhand region of Uttar Pradesh, in the Uttarakhand sub-plan 1995-96.

Drinking Water Scheme of Mussooree

5341. SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had given Rs. 3 crores and the World Bank Rs. 4 crores for the Drinking Water Development Scheme of Mussooree hill Station of U.P.

(b) whether the World Bank has been asking for Fund utilisation report; and

(c) the reasons for non-compliance in submitting the utilisation report; and steps proposed to be taken in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.